

## Message Text

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY QUITO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BGEN, BBAK

SUBJECT: BUSINESS INQUIRY, AVANT, INC., LINCOLN, MASS.

1. ARA/EP HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY AVANT, A PHOTO IDENTIFICATION SYSTEMS FIRM, FOR ANY INFO POST MIGHT OBTAIN ON OUTCOME OF ITS PROPOSAL TO SELL 34 ID SYSTEMS FOR GOE CIVIL REGISTER, TO RENT ANOTHER 34 SYSTEMS FOR SAME PURPOSE, AND SUPPLY OF FILM AND PLASTIC COVERING FOR 3 MILLION SETS OF ID CARDS. AVANT RESPONDED TO BID NO 2/75 FROM GOE MINISTRY OF GOVERNMENT; BID OPENING DATE WAS APRIL 30, 1975. AVANT'S AGENT IN QUITO, PANAMCO CIA. LTDA. INFORMED THE FIRM IN JULY THAT ITS BID NOT SUCCESSFUL AND THAT SISTEMAS DE CONTROL HAD WON CONTRACT.
2. AVANT SAYS SUBSEQUENTLY IT LEARNED THIS INFORMATION NOT ACCURATE AND IS NOW INQUIRING IF WE CAN DETERMINE STATUS OF CONTRACT AWARD.
3. ANY INFO WILL BE APPRECIATED. KISSINGER

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